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SUBJ: SECURITY OF U.S. MISSION AND OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY
PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NASSAU

1. DURING MONTH OF MAY THE CRIME RATE IN NASSAU INTENSIFIED
TO A POINT OF INVOLVING MISSION PERSONNEL.

2. MISSION PERSONNEL HAVE HAD THEIR HOMES BROKEN INTO AND IN
TWO CASES THE INTRUDERS ACCOSTED THE OCCUPANTS. IN ONE SPECIFIC
CASE THE WIFE WAS RAPED. OTHER INCIDENTS INVOLVED THE SHOOTING
OF TWO WOMEN, ONE TOURIST AND ONE BAHAMIAN. ONE WOMAN WHILE
WALKING WITH A FRIEND WAS ACCOSTED AND SHOT IN THE BACK AND
KILLED AS SHE TRIED TO FLEE HER ASSAILANT. THE BAHAMIAN
WOMAN WAS HOSPITALIZED HAVING BEING HIT IN THE FACE WHILE IN
A RESTAURANT.

3. THE RSO MET
WITH COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
MR. SALATHIEL THOMPSON AND HIS SECTION CHIEFS ON
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MAY 25, 1977 AND WERE BRIEFED ON THE CRIME SITUATION.

4. THE COMMISSIONER AND HIS SECTION CHIEFS ADVISED THAT THE
CRIME RATE HAS NOT REALLY INCREASED, THAT A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
OCCURRED CLOSE AND INVOLVED AMERICAN PERSONNEL TO GIVE THE
IMPRESSION THAT CRIME IN NASSAU WAS INCREASING AND BECOMING
VIOLENT. COMMISSIONER THOMPSON FURTHER ADDED THAT THE MAN

WHO RAPED THE WIFE OF THE AMERICAN OFFICER WAS ALSO THE SAME MAN INVOLVED IN OTHER INCIDENTS AROUND NASSAU AND IN THE TWO INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE SHOOTING OF TWO WOMEN WAS COMMITTED BY THE SAME MAN. BOTH MEN HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED.

5. THE INCIDENT INVOLVING THE BREAK-IN OF THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES RESIDENCE INVOLVED A 22 YEAR OLD AMERICAN CITIZEN ON DRUGS WHO WAS ALSO APPREHENDED.

6. THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OFFERED ANY ASSISTANCE INCLUDING UTILIZING BAHAMIAN POLICE IN PERFORMING SECURITY SCREENING OF FUTURE AND PRESENT RESIDENCES OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NASSAU.

7. THE U.S. MISSION IS TAKING THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO ENHANCE THE OVERALL SECURITY OF ITS PERSONNEL AND THOSE OF OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

- A) SURVEY PRIVATE RESIDENCES OF ALL U.S. MISSION AND OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY PERSONNEL AND RECOMMEND SECURITY IMPROVEMENT WHERE NEEDED.
- B) ENSURE THAT PERSONNEL FOLLOW-UP THE SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE RSO REGARDING THEIR RESIDENCES WITH THE POST PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY LOCKING DEVICES AND ALARMS WHERE APPROPRIATE.
- C) ESTABLISH A POST POLICY REQUIRING ALL FUTURE PRIVATE RESIDENCES TO BE INSPECTED BY THE POST SECURITY OFFICER AND THE GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER PRIOR TO APPROVING THE LEASE.
- D) ADVISE OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE SECURITY BRIEFING FOR THEIR PERSONNEL.

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- E) ADVISE ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES REGARDLESS OF AGENCY TO REPORT ALL INCIDENTS TO THE MISSION POST SECURITY OFFICER.
- F) ENLARGE MISSION RADIO COMMUNICATIONS NET BY PROVIDING COVERAGE TO ALL MISSION PERSONNEL BY REQUESTING 10 ADDITIONAL PR-36 OR PE-66 WITH CHARGERS PLUS 10 AR-15 ANTENNAS AS THE LOCAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS UNRELIABLE.
- G) ADVISE OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RADIO COMMUNICATIONS NET WITH ONE FREQUENCY CRYSTAL TO U.S. MISSION'S COMMUNICATIONS NET.
- H) ADVISE PERSONNEL/WASHINGTON THAT MAKING ASSIGNMENTS TO NASSAU, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN REGARDING SECURITY UNTIL ADVISED OF CHANGE BY THE POST.

8. THE POST WILL CONTINUE TO ASSESS ITS SECURITY AND ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES OR REQUIREMENTS. TAYLOR

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